

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2001

Present: Billis, Bayless, Dumond, Hornus, Mehig, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Bob Striggow; Sgt. Kevin Clark, Police Department; Keith & Diane Johnson; Bob Morehouse; Millie Taute; Jan Scott; Judy Horton; Don Runyon; Karen Johnson; Sam Burwell; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Dick Sanderson; Gene Sanderson; Robert Gilman; Larry LeCureux; Debbie Hoffman; Bernice Lulham; Gary Schooley; Al Fowler; Patrick Finnegan; Marlene Fick; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Billis at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Hornus moved, Bayless seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Item No. 7) Consider Resolution of Notice of Intent to Bond.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Mehig, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Mehig, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Robert Gilman, 597 Crestview Drive, thanked the mayor and city council for giving him the opportunity to serve the community by appointing him to the planning commission.

Mayor Billis thanked Keith and Diane Johnson for their efforts in putting together the recognition dinner.

Patrick Finnegan, 312 S. Mizner Street, stated he noticed that Tim Crawford was not present because he was working on a water break, but Mr. Crawford was supposed to explain the

sewage problem he has had for 20 years. Mr. Finnegan further stated 20 years ago his house was left off the sewer connection list, but he did not own the property at that time. He explained he has sewage coming into his house. He further explained that Mr. Crawford is aware of the situation and has been working on it. Mayor Billis advised the item was on the agenda and action would be taken on it at that time. Joe Sawyer explained Mr. Finnegan's house was skipped several years ago, and the current six-inch sewer is completely deteriorated and needs to be replaced. He further stated he and Mr. Crawford recommend that the city pay for the cost of construction in the amount of \$8,960.

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT:

Hornus moved, Bayless seconded to leave the regular meeting and go into a public hearing to consider ambulance service contract.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Mehig, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Councilperson Bayless advised the ambulance agreement runs year to year and renews automatically. The city has paid \$10.00 per household for 25 years, and the ambulance board has proposed increasing the assessment to \$30.00 per household. He further advised the contract language was also being updated. The volunteers would be paid per hour and the ambulance run fees would be eliminated. He also advised the board has discussed funding its own advanced life support unit. Mayor Billis asked if the ambulance board has an agreement with Lansing-Mason. Councilperson Bayless advised yes. Mayor Billis stated Lansing-Mason has been around for quite some time and their business is bleeding the city. He further stated he was not ready to act on this issue because there were too many unanswered questions. Keith Johnson stated the timing of the proposed increase could be hectic because the school and jail millage are coming up. He further stated he wanted to know how much money was actually needed. He asked what would happen if three of the other governments do not approve an increase. Councilperson Bayless advised the ambulance service would operate as long as it could. He further advised it would cost the city three times what the ambulance board was asking for if another ambulance service was hired to take its place. Councilperson Bayless stated he believed \$25 would do the ambulance service a world of good and would bring the budget back to a 50/50 split. He further stated government support provided 50-percent of the budget when the ambulance service first began but now it only supports one-fifth of the budget. Mr. Johnson asked if the city could give a 20 percent increase if the other governments agree to pay 30 percent. Councilperson Bayless advised the city has Pleasant View and an older population base while the other governments have had ambulance runs based on the size of their area. He further advised he heard some of the townships would approve \$25 because the other ambulance services they deal with are going to \$25. He also advised an assessment increase could not start until 2002. Mayor Billis asked Councilperson Bayless to explain how far the ambulance service was in debt with Lansing-Mason. Councilperson Bayless advised the ambulance service paid out more than it took in 10 out of the last 12 months. The ambulance service increased its payroll last year because the ambulance service cannot afford down time or the state would take away the ambulance service's license to operate. He further advised the ambulance service has dedicated and hard working volunteers who

make less money than they could be making. Mayor Billis asked how much money is owed to Lansing-Mason. Councilperson Bayless advised \$85,000. Mayor Billis asked why Lansing-Mason could not do their own billing or collect their own fees. Councilperson Bayless advised the transporting agency must do the billing. Mayor Billis asked if a different contract with Lansing-Mason could be negotiated such as Lansing-Mason accepting what was collected. Councilperson Bayless advised that would be a fairer agreement from the ambulance service's standpoint, but Lansing-Mason would probably say no. Mayor Billis stated Corunna Ambulance should start its own advanced life support unit. Once Lansing-Mason is informed of this decision they might work out a fair agreement. Councilperson Bayless advised the ambulance board has considered starting its own advanced life support unit. The cost to start an echo unit would be \$28,000. Councilperson Dumond stated it costs the ambulance service money each time the ambulance is dispatched to Pleasant View, and he is sure the county pays nothing towards the \$10 per household fee. Councilperson Mehig asked if the other governments would be charged a fee if they do not pay the requested fee. Councilperson Bayless advised the ambulance run rate is set at the maximum that Blue Cross will pay. He further advised the rate increase would be used to start an advanced life support unit, to pay paramedics and to pay down the debt to Lansing-Mason. Councilperson Runyan stated it sounds like the ambulance board wants \$30, but it would take what it could get. He further stated no one knows how much is needed to stay in business. Councilperson Bayless stated the ambulance service might not be here if the ambulance board has to wait until 2002 to receive additional revenues. Councilperson Runyan stated every time Medicare is contacted a different person gets the call and that person has no history of the problem. He further stated each time he contacts a business he asks who he is talking to. Councilperson Bayless advised he has done that and it does not work. He further advised the ambulance board has got the name of a contact person through Dave Camp's office. Mayor Billis stated the congressmen need to work for the people and that is why he ran for state representative. Councilperson Runyan referred to page eight of the agreement and stated the ambulance board would not need to raise the assessment if the ambulance service could collect what is owed. Councilperson Bayless stated the ambulance service has billed over \$400,000, has \$300,000 in expenditures, but has only collected approximately \$200,000. The ambulance service is \$100,000 in the negative instead of in the positive. He further stated that is why government funds are needed to keep the ambulance service in business. He also stated some people have secondary insurance but if Medicare denies the claim then the ambulance service gets nothing. Councilperson Runyan asked if there would be a point where the ambulance service would start collecting 90 to 95 percent of the billing. Councilperson Bayless advised the ambulance board has had some problems in the past with billing, but the ambulance board has changed billing companies and the new company has been very diligent with collections. Don Runyon stated a \$20 per household increase is pretty cheap, and he brought his money with him. Mayor Billis stated unfortunately the ambulance service has to collect money the legal way. Al Fowler stated he had a friend who lived at Walnut Acres and his friend was only charged \$75 by the Owosso ambulance since the Corunna ambulance was busy. He did not understand why there was such a big difference. He further stated at the special ambulance meeting it was stated that it costs about \$8,000 a year for gas, oil, etc. Councilperson Bayless advised that was correct. Mr. Fowler advised the ambulance was parked in front of K-mart the other day while the people were inside shopping at the jewelry counter. He asked why he has to support an ambulance while the people go shopping. Within the last 30 days, the ambulance

was used to pick up kids at school and asked why he has to support an ambulance that is used as a taxicab when dial-a-ride is available. He further advised the ambulance is used wherever the employees want to go, and he would not give the ambulance service twenty-cents or 20 dollars until the ambulance service shows him they want to work for who they represent. Councilperson Bayless stated the ambulance service for the City of Owosso is supported by property taxes and not by special assessment. He further stated he has brought Mr. Fowler's comments to the ambulance board meeting about the ambulance going here or there and was informed that the ambulance was not used as a taxi cab to take kids to school nor was it being driven to go shopping. The ambulance is driven when the employees go to lunch or dinner because they are on duty and need to be ready to respond. He also stated he would ask for an accounting of where the ambulance goes every time it leaves the base on a non-emergency call and why the ambulance was used. Councilperson Bayless advised he should have an answer in 30 days of exactly where and why it was used. Mr. Fowler asked Councilperson Bayless to do that. Mr. Fowler stated he wanted Councilperson Bayless to ask the volunteers what they were doing at K-mart. Karen Johnson asked Mr. Fowler to turn around and she would answer that question. Mayor Billis pounded his gavel and informed the audience that the issue Mr. Fowler was discussing was not the issue on the table. Mr. Fowler stated some of the \$8,000 that is being spent on expenses is paying for the places the ambulance is not supposed to go. Robert Gilman stated if it will cost the ambulance board \$28,000 to start its own echo unit and the ambulance board has paid Lansing-Mason \$85,000 over the last three years then the ambulance service should have its own advanced life support unit. Sam Burwell stated Councilperson Bayless has done a wonderful job, and he would support whatever money is needed to continue the ambulance service. Mr. Burwell further stated the community needs an ambulance service and if he has a heart attack while he is mowing his lawn and needs an ambulance then the people who are out to lunch better have the ambulance with them because he wants the ambulance to come to his house as soon as possible. Jan Scott asked if the ambulance service would have the availability of personnel for an advanced life support unit and the training involved for it. Councilperson Bayless advised it takes 10 months to get a paramedic license, and the ambulance service currently has personnel who are paramedics. He further advised there would be enough paramedics in-house, who want to work for the ambulance service, to staff an advanced life support echo unit. Ms. Scott stated she did not know of anyone who would want that responsibility for \$6.50 per hour. Mr. Gilman stated the amount of money the ambulance board was asking for was not an unreasonable amount of money and he was for it. He further stated he would like to see the ambulance board use the money to start its own advanced life support service. Councilperson Bayless advised the ambulance board would do that. Mayor Billis stated he was amazed at the citizen support, and it might be in the best interest of the council to vote for an increase. Councilperson Ockerman stated when a person has an unpaid fire run it is placed on the person's property taxes. He asked if there was anyway an unpaid ambulance bill could be placed on a person's taxes. Councilperson Bayless advised that might be an option. He further advised if a person is on a fixed income the ambulance board is willing to accept payment arrangements. Councilperson Ockerman stated it sounded like the real problem is getting paid what is due by Medicare. Councilperson Bayless advised that was correct. Councilperson Ockerman asked if Caledonia Township has agreed to pay \$15 dollars. Councilperson Bayless advised he has heard that Caledonia Township would pay \$15 dollars out of their General Fund for 2001 because they do not do an assessment. He further advised he has heard they would take a

look at doing an assessment in order to go higher than that. Councilperson Ockerman asked what Venice Township was doing. Councilperson Bayless advised Venice Township is pursuing to make their assessment the same for the entire township. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the ambulance board anticipates receiving \$25 dollars from Hazelton and Venice Township. Councilperson Bayless advised yes. Mr. Gilman asked if the ambulance service receives any grant money. Councilperson Bayless advised there are matching grants available for equipment. He further advised there is a good chance the ambulance service would receive matching grants for the advanced life support. Councilperson Mehig stated it looked like \$25 was the magic number after listening to all of the comments. Councilperson Ockerman stated he has a problem with everybody not paying the same amount. Councilperson Bayless stated the ambulance board could ask Caledonia Township to do an assessment in 2002. Councilperson Ockerman stated he had no problem with an increase as long as everything is fair. Mr. Runyon stated the world is not fair. Mayor Billis stated there is a need to solve the short-term problem even if Corunna has to pay a little bit more than everyone else. He further stated he was concerned with the \$30 dollar increase because Corunna is an older community. He also stated he did not expect the people in the audience to be willing to spend the extra money and if the community is willing to spend the extra money then so be it. Councilperson Dumond stated the older generation needs the ambulance service more than anybody else. Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: Joe Sawyer advised there would be a streetscape public information

meeting on April 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., which would be held in council chambers. He further advised he inspected the shelving in the community center and found no safety or workmanship problems. The shelving was nailed into the floor, but the floor would be damaged if the nails were removed. He also advised the city might want to ask the church for a security deposit. Mr. Sawyer stated he had two safety concerns. The cinderblock wall behind one shelving unit can be pushed back and forth by hand and the top step going up the eastern side of the stage is in rough shape. He further stated the church has offered to repair the step. He also stated he is going to order a safety inspection of the entire facility. Mayor Billis asked council if they wanted the church to pay a security deposit. Council advised no. Mr. Sawyer advised council he would present them with a budget at the April 16 meeting. He asked council if the previous workshop sessions have been scheduled after that presentation. Council advised yes. Mr. Sawyer asked when council wanted to schedule the workshops. Councilperson Dumond advised the workshops were scheduled for the Monday nights in between council meetings. Councilperson Ockerman asked how many workshops would be needed. Mr. Sawyer advised as many meetings as council needs. Councilperson Ockerman stated council has worked on the budget for at least five to six hours during each session. Councilperson Bayless stated one session is usually scheduled for the General Fund, a second session is scheduled for all of the remaining funds, and a third session is scheduled to pick up the rest. Mayor Billis asked Mr. Sawyer when he would be prepared to present the budget to council. Mr. Sawyer advised April 16. Councilperson Ockerman suggested sending the information out to council beforehand so it can be reviewed. Mr.

Sawyer asked what time the budget workshops were scheduled for. Councilperson Ockerman advised 6:00 p.m. Don Mehig asked when council had to adopt the budget. Mr. Sawyer advised the last regular meeting in May. Councilperson Runyan advised he believed the charter states the budget has to be adopted by May 15. Councilperson Ockerman asked council if there was another night council could meet and advised he could meet on Tuesday or Wednesday. Councilperson Dumond advised there are commission meetings on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Mr. Sawyer stated he would put together a schedule of dates. Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the Kingsley/McArthur Street project. He reported the estimated completion cost is \$460,000, which puts a strain on the budget. Mr. Sawyer advised he would be submitting budget amendments at the next meeting along with the budget. He further advised a budget needed to be adopted for the project or the city will show a fund deficit on the account, which the city does not want to show in its audit. He also advised the bond revenues have been depleted so at this point the following transfers are needed to pay for the construction project: \$115,000 from Major Street Fund, \$115,000 from the Water Fund, \$115,000 from the Waste Water Fund and \$115,000 from the fund balance. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Sawyer what authority he had to take the \$115,000 from the fund balance. Mr. Sawyer advised there might be \$150,000 available without having to go into the fund balance. He further advised he might be able to do budget amendments, which would not create additional appropriations. Councilperson Ockerman stated money could not be taken from the fund balance if an item was not budgeted. Mr. Sawyer stated it was his recommendation to bond the streetscape project. He further stated he projects the Capital Improvement Fund would be able to sustain the four bonds comfortably without having to go into the fund balance. He also stated the city's ability to bond is fairly strong. Mr. Sawyer reported the Dam Review Committee met on March 29, and the committee has requested \$7,500 for an engineering study on the dam. He also stated the dam would be inspected in August, and the committee was told it could cost \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 to replace the dam and \$100,000 to \$400,000 to repair the dam. He advised state money is available for dam removal but nothing is available for dam repairs.

CONSIDER CONTRACT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to approve and sign contract 99-6465 with the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$290,500.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Mehig, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mr. Sawyer advised the city received 10 applications and he narrowed the list down to five. He further advised he had a tough decision to make and recommended appointing Kristin Wittl as the Parks and Recreation Director. Ms. Wittl has a bachelors and masters degree in parks and recreation. Councilperson Ockerman stated he had a problem with the work history of the applicant. Mr. Sawyer stated Ms. Wittl was only looking for part-time employment, but she did indicate she might want something full-time in two to three years. He further stated the biggest concern he had with Ms. Wittl was that she did not live locally. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the city hall staff would rent out the buildings. Mr. Sawyer advised no.

Ockerman moved, Dumond seconded to appoint Kristin Wittl as Parks and Recreation Director effective April 3, 2001 with an annual salary of \$12,000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER MANAGER'S CONTRACT: Councilperson Hornus stated the proposed contract was the same contract word for word that the previous city manager had. He further stated the first time he was approached about hiring Mr. Sawyer he was told it would be a one-year contract with a \$40,000 salary and a week later Mr. Sawyer received a \$5,000 raise. He also stated council did not want to spend any money to search for a city manager, which would cost approximately \$5,000, but the \$5,000 was spent anyway. Councilperson Hornus advised he did not have a problem with Mr. Sawyer, but some of the items in the contract were given to the former city manager as a trade off instead of salary increases such as the automobile allowance, which was approximately \$2,000 per year. He further advised a number of the contract items were bargained for in lieu of dollars, but Mr. Sawyer is getting everything plus a \$5,000 increase from what was proposed the week before. Councilperson Ockerman stated Mr. Sawyer was not getting a car allowance. Councilperson Hornus advised it was in the contract. He further advised council should have negotiated a contract with Mr. Sawyer. Councilperson Ockerman stated no one was trying to deceive anyone. Councilperson Hornus stated no one was going to because he knew better. He asked if the contract before council was the one that would be signed. Councilperson Ockerman stated he believed that was the intent. Mr. Sawyer advised the contract before council was the same contract the former city manager had. Councilperson Hornus stated council should have some input in the contract. Councilperson Ockerman stated he had no problem with council sitting down to review the contract. He further stated he did not believe Mr. Sawyer was trying to deceive anyone and did not believe it was necessary to act on the contract until after council discussed it collectively. Councilperson Bayless stated he wanted to meet with Mr. Sawyer since council did not have a chance to interview him. Councilperson Hornus stated he would like council to meet with Mr. Sawyer. Councilperson Ockerman stated most of the council has met with Mr. Sawyer. He further stated council acted on hiring Mr. Sawyer due to legal reasons and the city's situation. Councilperson Bayless stated when Mr. Sawyer was hired he was getting ready for the special ambulance meeting. Councilperson Ockerman suggested scheduling a meeting for April 9 at 6:30 p.m. Councilperson Dumond stated there are at least three items that are negotiable. Most of the items in the contract are things that most employers provide. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Sawyer if he wanted a private meeting. Councilperson Ockerman stated an employee could request a private meeting for

whatever reason. Councilperson Runyan stated it would be done like an evaluation. Mayor Billis stated he believed a closed session could be held to discuss his application but anything beyond that discussion has to be in an open meeting. Mr. Sawyer advised he would double check to make sure it could be done.

CONSIDER 6" SANITARY SEWER SERVICE EXTENSION ON MIZNER STREET:

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to approve the 6” sanitary sewer service extension on Mizner Street in the amount of \$8,960 with the city paying the entire amount and monies to be taken from the sanitary sewer fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Mehigh, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO BOND: Bayless moved, Hornus seconded to approve the following resolution:

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CORUNNA**

(Shiawassee County, Michigan)

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE AND CONSTRUCT
IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY, TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ISSUE LIMITED TAX, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND TO FILE
WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City of Corunna (the “City”) to purchase, acquire and construct certain street, water, sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk and streetscape improvements (the “Improvements”) for the benefit of the City and to finance the Improvements by the issuance of general obligation, limited tax, improvement bonds pursuant to Section 6.28 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Act 202 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended (“Act 202”), permits the City to apply to the Michigan Department of Treasury for an exception to prior approval to issue the bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended (“Act 279”), it is necessary to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City may incur substantial capital expenditures for the Improvements prior to the issuance of the bonds, and desires to be reimbursed for such expenditures from the bond proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council hereby determines to purchase, acquire and construct certain street, water, sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk and streetscape improvements with an estimated useful life of more than twenty (20) years, and to pay for the cost through the issuance of limited tax, general obligation, improvement bonds, pursuant to Section 6.28 of the City Charter, in an amount of not to exceed \$490,000 (the “Bonds”).

A Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds be published in accordance with Section 5 of Act 279, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds in the *The Argus-Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Corunna, determined to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom such Notice is directed, which Notice shall be substantially in the form as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a "Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation," and to file all necessary supporting documentation with the Michigan Department of Treasury in order to obtain an Order Providing Exception to prior state approval for issuance of the Bonds pursuant to the City Charter and Act 202, or, if necessary, for Treasury approval to issue the Bonds.

The firm of Law, Weathers & Richardson, P.C. is hereby employed as bond counsel to the City to prepare the documents for the issuance of Bonds for financing acquisition of the Improvements.

At such time as the Bonds are issued, the City shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of the Bonds any expenditures it has made, in an amount not to exceed \$490,000. This resolution is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Corunna intends to issue bonds in an amount of not to exceed \$490,000.

The bonds shall be issued for the purpose of defraying the cost of certain street, water, sewer and streetscape improvements in the City of Corunna.

The bonds of this issue shall mature within the maximum terms permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued pursuant to the City Charter and applicable statute.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The Principal of and Interest on the bonds shall be secured by the full faith and credit of the City as limited by applicable charter, constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the City.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors approving such bonds, unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Intent, a petition, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the limits of the City of Corunna, shall have been filed with the City Clerk, or other recording officer of the City, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds. If such a petition is filed, the bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 5 of Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Mehig, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Robert Gilman, 597 Crestview Drive, asked when the gravel areas on W. McNeil Street would be repaired. Mr. Sawyer advised there is another cut planned for the area, but Perrin Construction would try to fix the gravel areas shortly.

Al Fowler, 706 N. Shiawassee Street, stated two years ago he suggested merging the city's police department with the City of Owosso or the sheriff's department to save money. He further stated he brought information back to council but nothing ever happened. He also stated since the police department takes 1/3 of the city's budget then merging the police department with the City of Owosso would save money. Mr. Fowler suggested to council that they spend some time looking into this situation.

Jan Scott, 414 W. State Street, thanked council for hiring the parks and recreation director. She stated a survey was done for the master plan a few years ago and the number one asset Corunna has is the school system and the second asset was the park and river. She further stated the parks and recreation commission met with Mr. Sawyer and he went over the budget with the commission. She also stated on Saturday, April 14 there would be a pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt and informed council that help was needed with both events.

Dick Sanderson, 224 W. McNeil Street, stated the garbage trucks are cutting the alley short again and something needs to be done to stop them. Mayor Billis stated that issue has been an ongoing problem that council should explore again. Mr. Sanderson stated nothing was done last year. Councilperson Ockerman advised Mr. Sawyer that the garbage trucks are tearing up the alleys. It was suggested that the city manager contact the garbage service and inform them that they are not allowed to go down the alleys. He further advised he did not know why that would be difficult. The city residents are paying for back door pickup so it would not cost the city residents any additional expense if the garbage trucks parked on the street and had to walk to pick up the garbage. He also advised the alley is a convenience for

the garbage company. Ms. Scott advised Waste Management wants the city to eliminate back door pickup. Councilperson Runyan stated when this issue was discussed last year he read the city ordinance and found that the city could not stop the garbage trucks from going through the alley because the ordinances state they can do it. He further stated if the city wants to stop the garbage trucks from using the alleys then the ordinance needs to be changed.

ADJOURN: Ockerman moved to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:50 p.m.

DR. JAMES BILLIS, MAYOR

LINDA M. LeCUREUX, DEPUTY CLERK